

# slam the boards bears charge the court

**M**en’s basketball team members dominated on the court this season. With head coach Bryan Bender, assistant coach Jeff Diepenbrock, and volunteer assistant coaches Reggie Chambers and Bryce Woodliff, the team had excellent guidance and training. Through a series of exciting wins, the Bears kept fighting for more victories. After a thrilling start of the season win of 123-67 against the Royal Ambassador Prep Lions, Coach Bender said, "It was great to get our guys on the floor and play against someone else besides ourselves. We’ve been waiting a long time to compete on our home court."

On multiple occasions throughout the season, the Bears played concentrated, high-energy matches. Many games left fans on the edge of their seats and eager for a victory. Win or lose, the team played to the best of their ability and delivered top-notch close games. "I'll say it every time, winning is hard and we keep finding ways to get it done. Every guy contributed in some way, shape or form and, of course, we had to make it interesting."

by Morgan Michelle Lawrence

CORIET BO ARD	Ambassador
	123-67
	Spring Hill
	125-60
	LSU-Eunice
	87-58
	Shreveport
	79-64
	Gulf Coast
	88-68
	North Florida
	72-105
	MS Delta CC
	95-81
	Hinds CC
	68-63
	Baton Rouge CC
	81-69
	Meridian CC
	78-67



above: Arturo Bingham, Drelon Pittman, Zhavion Green, Jay Malone, Damian Dear, Robert Boyd, Robert Kendrick, T.J. Ben, Lincoln Smith; second row: Reggie Chambers, Bryce Woodliff, Volunteer Assistant Coach; Jaleen Holt, Zakary Dembele, Student Assistant; Deonta Lawler, Denjay Harris, Roderick Smith, Avery Diggs, Jalon Andrews, Atticus Taylor; Drake Hughes, Jayvious Sparks, Student Assistant; Jeff Diepenbrock, Assistant Coach; and Brian Bender, Head Coach; top left: Jay Malone dribbles down the court to score; top right: Robert Boyd defends the ball from his opponent; opposite page: Damian Dear puts the ball in the goal for two points.



